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Office Action Summary	Application No.	Applicant(s)	
	10/823,570	OKUTANI ET AL.	
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Status

- 1) Responsive to communication(s) filed on 14 April 2004.
 2a) This action is FINAL. 2b) This action is non-final.
 3) Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) Claim(s) 1-16 is/are pending in the application.
 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
 5) Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
 6) Claim(s) 1-16 is/are rejected.
 7) Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
 8) Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
 10) The drawing(s) filed on 14 April 2004 is/are: a) accepted or b) objected to by the Examiner.
 Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
 Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
 11) The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 a) All b) Some * c) None of:
 1. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413) |
| 2) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) | Paper No(s)/Mail Date. _____ . |
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DETAILED ACTION

1. Claims 1-16 are pending in the application.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 101

2. 35 U.S.C. 101 reads as follows:

Whoever invents or discovers any new and useful process, machine, manufacture, or composition of matter, or any new and useful improvement thereof, may obtain a patent therefor, subject to the conditions and requirements of this title.

3. Claims 1-16 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 101 because the claimed invention is directed to non-statutory subject matter.

(i) Claims 1, 3, 5, 7, 9, 11, 13, and 16 are directed to a method and circuit that merely perform calculations and manipulation of data. In order for such a claimed invention to be statutory, the claimed invention must accomplish a practical application. That is the claimed invention must transform an article or physical object to a different state or thing, or produce a useful, concrete, and, and tangible result; see State Street 47, USPQ2d. It is clear from independent claims 1, 3, 5, 6, 9, 11, 13, and 16 that the claimed invention merely involves calculations and manipulations of data. The result produced by the invention, as recited in the claims, does not have a real world value but merely a number without a practical application that makes the result useful, concrete, and tangible. Therefore, independent claims 1, 3, 5, 6, 9, 11, 13, and 16 are directed to non-statutory subject matter as the claimed invention fails to accomplish a practical application.

(ii) Claims 2, 4, 6, 8, 10, 12, 14, and 15 are rejected for similar reasons as discussed for their respective parent claims, as they fail to present any limitations that resolve the deficiencies of the claim from which they depend.

(iii) Claims 5, 7, 9, 11, and 13 are further directed to software per se, not tangibly embodied, the arithmetic circuit failing to recite any hardware elements. The limitations as claimed can be performed by software instructions thus not making clear any circuit elements of the claimed circuit, and therefore not encompassing the statutory class of a machine.

(iv) Claims 6, 8, 10, 12, 14, and 15 are rejected for similar reasons as discussed for their respective parent claims, as they fail to present any limitations that resolve the deficiencies of the claim from which they depend.

Allowable Subject Matter

4. Claims 1-16 would be allowable if rewritten or amended to overcome the rejection(s) under 35 U.S.C. 101, set forth in this Office action.

Conclusion

5. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure.

US Pat. 3,569,894 - Sine-Cosine Generator

US Pat. 4,077,063 – Determining trigonometric functions of an input angle

US Pat. 4,905,177 – Phase to sine amplitude conversion

US Pat. 6,363,405 – Parallel computations using table approximation methods

WO – 8906838 – High Resolution phase to sine amplitude conversion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to MICHAEL YAARY whose telephone number is (571)270-1249. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Friday, 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m..

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Lewis Bullock can be reached on (571) 272-3759. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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Examiner, Art Unit 2193

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